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FOLLOWING SENT SAIGON FROM BIEN HOA 25 JUNE
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1. MR 3 G-2 REPORTS LIGHT MILITARY ACTIVITY DURING THE 72 HOURS ENDING 0800 JUNE 25. NINE MILITARY CLASHES WERE REPORTED DURING THE FIRST 24 HOURS OF THIS REPORTING PERIOD, 15 IN THE SECOND 24 HOURS, AND ONLY SIX DURING THE FINAL 24 HOURS. THERE WERE 19 GROUND ATTACKS, EIGHT ATTACKS BY FIRE (THREE OVER 20 ROUNDS, CAUSING FIVE RVNAF WOUNDED) AND THREE COORDINATED GROUND AND FIRE ATTACKS. RVNAF CASUALTIES REPORTED WERE 11 KILLED, 30 WOUNDED AND TWO CIVILIANS KIDNAPPED. TOTAL COMMUNIST LOSSES WERE 42 KIA, SEVEN AK-47'S, TWO M-16 RIFLES AND ONE PISTOL.

2. HEAVIEST ENGAGEMENTS WERE IN TAY NINH AT XT 362330, 8 KMS.
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SW OF KHIEM HANH, AND AT XT 416256, 3 KMS. E OF HIEU THIEN DISTRICT TOWN. ON 22 JUNE VC/ NVA FIRED 100 ROUNDS OF 82 MM MORTAR FOLLOWED BY GROUND ATTACK AGAINST ELEMENTS OF 74 TH RANGER BN. CAUSING TWO RVNAF KIA' S AND EIGHT WOUNDED. COMMUNIST LOSSES WERE 12 KILLED. ON 23 JUNE 35 ROUNDS OF 60 MM MORTAR AND 25 ROUNDS OF B40 WERE EXPENDED IN COMPANY SIZE GROUND ATTACK ATTEMPT WHICH RESULTED IN ONE RF KIA AND ONE RF WIA. KNOWN COMMUNIST LOSSES IN THIS ENCOUNTER WERE ONE KIA AND ONE M-16.

3. TWO OF THE 19 GROUND ATTACKS AND TWO ATTACKS BY FIRE TOOK PLACE IN KHIEM HANH DISTRICT, TAY NINH. THE REMAINING MINOR GROUND ATTACKS WERE IN DUC HUE (2) AND TRNAG BANG (3), HAU NGHIA; ONE IN DUC THANH IN PHUOC TUY; ONE AND ONE NE OF XUJFILMC AFD ONE NE MF DINH QUAN IN LONG KHANH PROVINCE; ONE IN BINH TUY; ONE IN GIA DINH; THREE NE OF DON LUAN, PHUOC LONG; ONE 6 KMS SE OF BEN CAT DISTRICT TOWN, BINH DUONG ON 24 JUNE, AND TWO NE OF TAN TRU, LONG AN ON 22 AND 24 JUNE. OTHER MINOR ABF' S TOOK PLACE IN HAU NGHIA ON 22 JUNE, PHUOC TUY AND PHUOC LONG (2) ON 23 JUNE AND IN BINH DUONG AND PHUOC TUY ON 24 JUNE.

4. BINH DUONG AND BIEN HOA PROVINCES REPORTED ON 23 JUNE ENEMY MINES RESULTED IN ONE RVNAF KILLED AND FOUR WOUNDED. ON 24 JUNE IN BINH DUONG AND LONG AN, MINING INCIDENTS RESULTED IN FOUR ADDITIONAL WOUNDED. NINE VC CADRES RALLIED DURING THIS 72 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD (TWO IN BINH DUONG, TWO IN TAY NINH, ONE IN BINH LONG AND FOUR IN LONG KHANH - ONE CARBINE AND TWO D46 MINES RECOVERED). ONE VC CADRE WAS CAPTURED IN BIEN HOA ON 22 JUNE. CIVILIAN CASUALTIES DURING THE SAME PERIOD WERE FOUR KILLED (THREE IN PHUOC LONG AND ONE IN LONG KHANH) AND ONE WOUNDED (BINH DUONG) AS THE RESULT OF ACCIDENTAL MINING DETONATIONS. WALKINSHAW UNQUOTE WHITEHOUSE

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